THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (d) The Delhi Urban Arts Commission was set up under Delhi Urban Arts Commission Act, 1973 with the object of preserving, developing and maintaining the aesthetic quality of urban and environmental design within Delhi. During the 17 years of its existence, it has been able to achieve this objective by encouraging good designs and preventing and discouraging bad ones and creating awareness amongst professionals about the importance of harmony of the overall urban city scape. No specific review of its functioning has been undertaken.

Shortage of Railway Wagons

1140. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing shortage of railway wagons and by what percentage the shortfall rises during the peak season;

(b) by what percentage the wagon shortfall has risen due to diversion of road traffic to the Railways due to diesel shortage;

(c) what is the impact of the wagon shortage, on the overall railway earnings during 1990 as compared to the earnings during 1989;

(d) what is the annual addition of railway wagons during 1987, 1988 and 1989; and

(e) whether any programme has been formulated to meet the wagon shortage?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Shortage is experienced only in the busy season which lasts from October to March, every year and in the current year it is of the order of 5 to 7 per cent.

(b) Marginally.

(c) Not possible to assess for many other factors affected freight traffic.

(d) There was a net addition of 22994 wagons to the wagon fleet, during the period 1987-88 to 1989-90.

(e) Funds permitting, it is proposed to step up the acquisition of wagons, during the next three years of eighth five year plan.

Circular rail system in Madras

1141. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the circular rail system sanctioned for Madras is at standstill since this Government have assumed office; and

(b) if so, when the scheme would be completed since it is a long felt need of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There is no such approved project with the Railways.

(b) Does not arise.

Tourist Hotels in T. N., Kerala and Andhra Run by the Central Government

1142. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist Hotels run by the Central Government in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the tourist hotels run by the Centre are running at a loss; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken to increase the marginal profit to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) The Central Ministry of Tourism is not operating any hotel in the country. However, ITDC, a Central Public